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U. S. PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the inventions entitled

DIGITAL SPECTRAL IDENTIFIER-CONTROLLER AND RELATED METHODS

the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. However, I am not an attorney or registered agent and may not understand all of the constructions to be given to the claims under decisions of the Courts or particular statutes with which I am unfamiliar.

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